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From: Montgomery, Michael
Sent: Mon 7/20/2015 10:12:21 PM

Subject: RE: Response to Question on Rider Language in Appropriations Bill Targeting the UIC Class II

Program in California

Thanks Brent -

We will pass on the statement. Thanks

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From: Maier, Brent

Sent: Monday, July 20, 2015 8:46 AM

To: Montgomery, Michael

Cc: Albright, David; Keener, Bill

Subject: Response to Question on Rider Language in Appropriations Bill Targeting the UIC

Class II Program in California

Mike -

Please see a response from Sven-Erik Kaiser on the question you asked me to look into last week regarding rider language in the appropriations bill targeting the UIC Class II Program in California. Please let me know if you would like to draft a "capability statement" on the issue for Sven. Thanks.

**Brent Maier** 

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From: Kaiser, Sven-Erik

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To: Maier, Brent; Walsh, Ed; Blizzard, James; Davis, CatherineM

Subject: RE: Question on Rider Language in Appropriations Bill Targeting the UIC Class II

Program in California

Brent – I think the House Approps Interior and Environment Subcommittee bill has the language you are looking for. The House approps interior bill is on hold, prospects dim. I included Ed Walsh and Jim Blizzard in case they have anything to add. Checking my files, I don't see an impact paper (also known as a capability statement) on the issue. R9 is welcome to draft one if you think helpful, attached is a recent sample. Please let me know if any questions. Thanks,

Sven

The Committee is concerned that EPA may revoke exempt aquifer designations that have been in effect for more than 30 years. The Committee directs EPA to work in a collaborative manner with the State of California and the energy producing industry on the information and data requested and procedures for the submission of applications for review and processing. Furthermore, the Committee directs EPA to work promptly to review and process applications once submitted to ensure robust oil and natural gas production in the State and the resumption of timely permitting of new oil and natural gas wells.

Sven-Erik Kaiser

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On Jul 17, 2015, at 5:47 PM, "Maier, Brent" < Maier. Brent@epa.gov > wrote:

Jim -

One of my Branch Chiefs in our Water Division, Mike Montgomery, asked if I could look into whether that has been any **federal appropriations "rider" language that is targeting the UIC Class II program in CA**. Would you happen to know or would you be able to look into this for me to provide my Water Division Branch Chief with any update. Thanks in advance.

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